

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Thelma Pierce was born April 18, 1907, to James and Effie Pierce at Onawa, Iowa; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Thelma married Warren Law at Elk Point, South Dakota, on August 13, 1925, and to that union four sons were born: Sam, Larry, Max and Darrell; and,

Whereas, Thelma was a stay-at-home mother until her youngest son went to high school, then she began working at Newberrys in Sioux Falls until 1969 when she and Warren retired and began spending their winters in Mission, Texas; and,

Whereas, Thelma was an avid reader, enjoyed crocheting and knitting, working in her yard and was active in Eastern Star, Odd Fellows Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary; and,

Whereas, Thelma now resides at Bethany Meadows in Brandon, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather for an open house on April 22, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2007, as

THELMA LAW DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State